

b2 [10m] 4. (Twice Amended) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the ratio of the concentration of catechols to the concentration of ^{cate}caffeine in the extract of green tea is between 2 and 10.

200 73 5. (Twice Amended) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the extract of green tea is titrated so that a daily dose of the composition contains from 250 mg to 500 mg of catechols, and from 50 mg to 200 mg of caffeine.

200 73 6. (Twice Amended) A method of manufacturing a medicinal product which has antilipase and/or thermogenic properties, and which is intended for the curative and prophylactic treatment of obesity, comprising obtaining an extract or powder of green tea by extraction of green tea.

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b3 73 11. (Twice Amended) A method for the esthetic treatment of a human being, wherein said method comprises the oral administration of a catechol-enriched extract of green tea in order to bring about a loss of weight or to maintain a desired weight level.

12. (Twice Amended) A method according to Claim 11, wherein said oral administration comprises administration of an extract of green tea containing from 20% to 50% by mass of catechols expressed as epigallocatechol gallate (EGCG).

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13. (Twice Amended) A method according to Claim 11, wherein said oral administration comprises administration of an extract of green tea containing from 5% to 10% by mass of caffeine.

14. (Twice Amended) A method according to Claim 11, wherein said oral administration comprises administration of an extract of green tea having a ratio of the concentration of catechols to the concentration of caffeine of between 2 and 10.

15. (Twice Amended) A method according to Claim 11, wherein said oral administration comprises administration of a daily dose of an extract of green tea comprising 250 mg to 500 mg of catechols, and from 50 mg to 200 mg of caffeine.

16. (Twice Amended) A composition according to Claim 5, wherein said daily dose of the composition comprises about 375 mg of catechols and about 150 mg of caffeine.

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19. (Amended) A method according to Claim 12, wherein said oral administration comprises administration of an extract of green tea containing from 20% to 30% by mass of catechols expressed as epigallocatechol gallate (EGCG).

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20. (Amended) A method according to Claim 15, wherein said oral administration comprises administration of a daily dose of an extract of green tea comprising about 375 mg of catechols and about 150 mg of caffeine.

Please add the following new claim 21:

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--21. A composition for the curative and prophylactic treatment of obesity, comprising an extract of green tea containing from 20% to 30% by mass of catechols expressed as epigallocatechol gallate (EGCG) and caffeine.--

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